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SUBJECT: JEWISH EMIGRATION: NEW HARASSING TACTICS

1. THE TASHKENT OVIR REPORTEDLY HAS ADOPTED A NEW TACTIC DESIGNED TO COMPLICATE JEWISH EMIGRATION. IN EIGHT CASES IN THE LAST MONTH, IT HAS REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE EMIGRATION APPLICATION OF JEWS ALREADY IN RECEIPT OF A VYZOV UNLESS THE VYZOV CAME FROM A CLOSE RELATIVE, DEFINED IN THIS CASE AS A PARENT, CHILD OR SIBLING. WE KNOW OF NO PREVIOUS INSTANCES IN WHICH AN OVIR HAS REFUSED TO ACCEPT AN APPLICATION FOR EMIGRATION BECAUSE OF THE DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (MOSCOW 10713), WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN SEVERAL UKRAINIAN AND MOLDAVIAN CITIES THE LOCAL POLICE HAVE RECEIVED INCOMING VYZOV'S FROM THE POST OFFICE AND REFUSED TO DELIVER THEM TO THEIR INTENDED RECIPIENTS UNLESS A CLOSE DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY CAN BE PROVEN.

2. IT MAY BE SIGNIFICANT THAT THIS TACTIC IS BEING TRIED FIRST IN TASHKENT, WHERE MOST APPLICATIONS FOR EMIGRATION ARE FROM "BUKHARA" JEWS WHO ARE LESS LIKELY TO HAVE ACCESS TO WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS THAN IS THE CASE WITH JEWS FROM MAJOR URBAN CENTERS IN THE RSFSR. THIS TACTIC, IF EMPLOYED ELSEWHERE, COULD HAVE A SERIOUS EFFECT IN LOWERING THE NUMBER OF JEWS RECEIVING PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE.

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